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Leopoldo Bruera, a member of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Uruguay (CPU) recently prepared the following document to be distributed to all cells of the CPU for study and later discussion at the Fifteenth National Congress of the Party in September 1949. The document was an exposition of the current line of the CPU and was principally an extension of the internal report to the CPU made by Eugenio Gomez, Secretary General of the CPU, in October 1948.* Gomez' report is now known as the Linea de Octubre (October Line). It consisted of his ideas for carrying out the seven points of the Uruguayan Communist Party line drawn up the previous February and known as the Linea de Febrero (February Line).

1. Bruera explained that prior to October 1948, the CPU had attempted to carry out the Party line by practicing a form of opportunism. This opportunism meant that the Party had to sacrifice its principles at certain points and submerge its identity in order to entrench and strengthen itself. The chief aim of the Party had been to establish a compact group of elite and militant members.
2. Bruera declared that in contrast October 1948 was an historic month for the CPU in that it marked a change from the defensive to the offensive, as demanded by the Gomez report. As a result, the principles of Marxism would no longer be sacrificed for opportunistic reasons and the name of the Communist party would be brought before the masses.
3. A call was made for a reorganization of the CPU on two levels: national officers, and national and departmental committees down through sectional committees, to be concerned with national issues in carrying out the seven points of the Party program; and neighborhood and factory cells and the district groups to be charged with taking Communism to the people and working for the restoration of workers' rights on a local level. This policy demanded the beginning of a renewed effort to establish Asambleas Abiertas (open forums) in each neighborhood, Comites de Fuerza Patriotica (Committees of Patriotic Strength) and Comites de Empresa (Factory Committees). It was the duty of the cells to determine what the workers' complaints are in each district and in each factory and then to hold open forums in the factories and neighborhoods on popular issues. The forums should not be supported by

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Communists only, but should be slanted in such a way as to have the widest possible appeal among the proletariat.

4. The Fifteenth Congress of the CPU, which is scheduled to convene on 30 September 1949, will discuss and ratify this reorganization of the CPU which is essentially a reorganization to put the Party on the offensive, acting in the name of the Communist Party and adhering without compromise to the Party line. It is the duty of the cells to be able to report by 30 September on their success in establishing the Asambleas Abiertas, Comites de Fuerza Patriotica and Comites de Empresa, and thus taking the Communist Party to the masses.
5. The Congress will have as its theme the necessity of being on the offensive in fighting imperialistic forces and in supporting the Soviet Union as the force which can guarantee the peace desired by the proletariat.

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